

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 869

By Swann

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate George Leonard Ware
on the celebration of his ninety-ninth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, George Leonard Ware will celebrate his ninety-ninth birthday on April 16, 2012, a milestone that is being commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Ware was born in McMinn County on April 16, 1913, and he moved to Alcoa in 1936; and

WHEREAS, he began work at the Aluminum Company of America in 1938 and served there with acumen and alacrity for forty-one years until his retirement in 1979, during which time he worked a second job as a sole proprietor as an electrician, and he also served as a millwright; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ware is deeply devoted to his family and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 1939, he was joined in holy matrimony with Betty Beightol, who was part of one of Alcoa's first families; and

WHEREAS, this couple's blessed union produced seven children: Marsha Ware Brown, Helen Ware Flynn, the late David Ware, Steve Ware, Joe Ware, Cathy Ware, and Melissa Ware Schmidt; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Ware is the proud patriarch of seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Ware enjoyed sixty-three years of wedded bliss until Betty's passing in 2003; and

WHEREAS, one of Alcoa's most beloved citizens, Leonard is an active and devout member of Alcoa First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, he has set an example as a devoted family man and he is known for his community and compassionate spirit; and

WHEREAS, a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, Mr. Ware has been known throughout his adult life as a person who has always striven to help others, especially people and families in need, and he is greatly admired for the many contributions he has made to his community and to his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, as Leonard Ware celebrates a rich ninety-nine years of living life to its fullest, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate George Leonard Ware on the celebration of his ninety-ninth birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.